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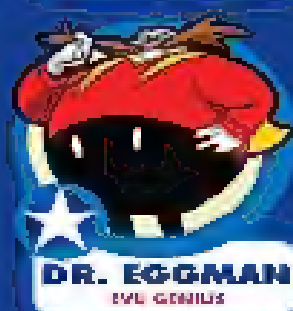
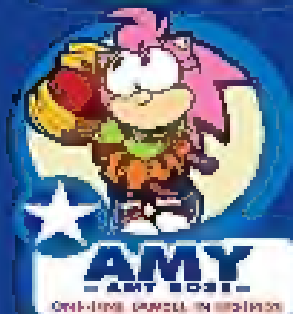
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### THE STORY SO FAR...

#### HEDGEHOG HEROICS



Sonic the Hedgehog has always been there to stop Dr. Eggman's nasty schemes! When Dr. Eggman tried to mine the Chaos Emeralds from South Island, Sonic found them first!

When the doctor tried to launch the Death Egg, Sonic knocked it out of orbit! When the doctor tried to launch it again, Sonic blew the whole thing up! And when Dr. Eggman tried to take control of Little Planet, Sonic found the time to stop him and save Amy Rose!



The mustachioed mad man is up to something yet again, and Sonic is out to stop him! And this time he's going to need even more than just speed to foil the doctor's scheme!



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# GREEN SEASIDE ZONE

## MEGA DRIVE

ACT ONE

HEY, TAILS!  
WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
HERE? ASIDE  
FROM BEING  
MENACED,  
I MEAN.

NEVERMIND--  
YOU CAN TELL ME  
AFTER I TRASH  
THIS THING!

NO! SONIC!  
**WAIT!**

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ITS ARMOR  
IS TOO STRONG!  
BUT IT MAKES IT  
REALLY HEAVY!

LET IT TAKE  
A SWING AT YOU  
AND THEN GET IN  
CLOSE TO HIT ITS  
VULNERABLE  
EYES!

HIT THE GIANT ENEMY  
CRAB IN ITS WEAK  
SPOT FOR MASSIVE  
DAMAGE. HUH?  
TIMELESS.







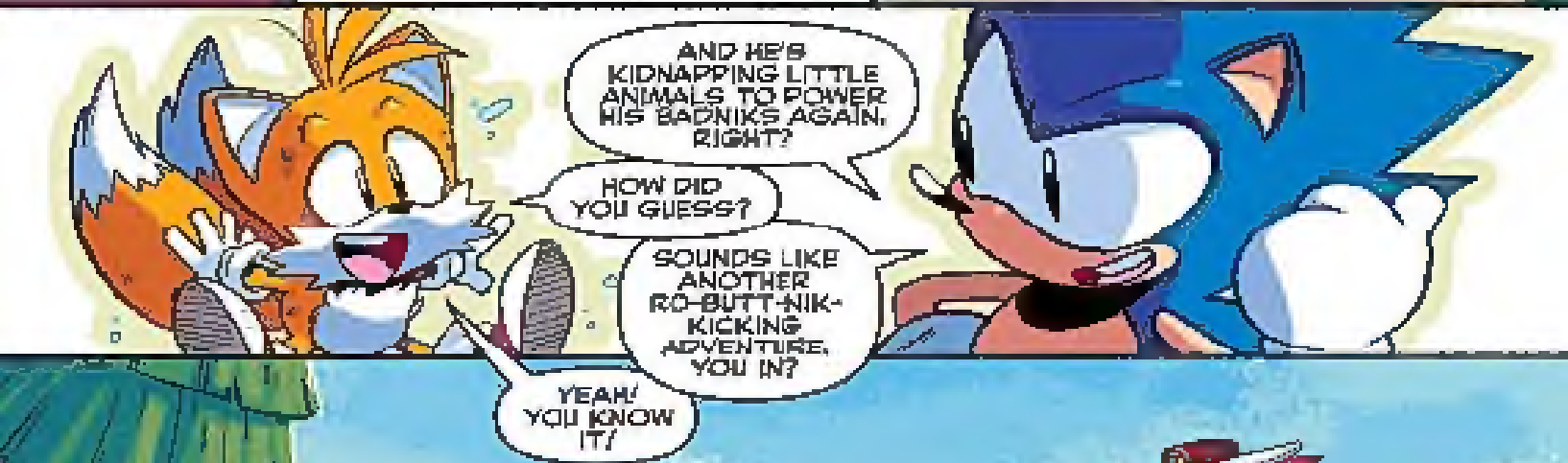
THANKS  
FOR THE  
SAVE,  
SONIC!

IT'S WHAT I DO.  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING  
TAKING ON SUPER-BADNIKS  
ON YOUR OWN?

I HEARD A RUMOR  
THAT DR. EGGMAN WAS SEARCHING  
THE EASTWATCH ISLANDS FOR SOME-  
THING CALLED THE "ANCIENT GEARS"!



I DON'T KNOW  
MUCH ABOUT  
THEM, JUST  
THAT HE PLANS  
ON USING THEM  
TO RUN HIS NEW  
SUPER-WEAPON!



AND HE'S  
KIDNAPPING LITTLE  
ANIMALS TO POWER  
HIS BADNIKS AGAIN,  
RIGHT?

HOW DID  
YOU GUESS?

SOUNDS LIKE  
ANOTHER  
RO-BUTT-NIK-  
KICKING  
ADVENTURE,  
YOU IN?

YEAH!  
YOU KNOW  
IT!





OOH-HOO-HOO!

Ahh!  
SUCH EXQUISITE  
CRAFTSMANSHIP!  
DON'T WORRY, LITTLE  
ANCIENT GEAR!  
I'LL FIND YOUR BUDDIES  
AND TOGETHER YOU'LL  
POWER MY LATEST  
GREATEST ENGINE  
OF DESTRUCTION--  
THE MEGA DRIVE!



GET A  
ROOM  
YOU  
TWO!



SONIC?!

YOU'RE NOT  
RUINING MY PLANS  
THIS TIME! I'VE GOT  
AIR SUPERIORITY!

RATTA  
TATTA  
TAT



OH, NO! I CAN'T  
JUMP THAT HIGH!  
WHATEVER WILL  
I DO TO GET  
UP THERE?

THAT'S  
YOUR CUE,  
GENIUS.



OH!  
RIGHT!  
SORRY!  
IT'S BEEN  
AWHILE!



NO! GET  
DOWN FROM  
THERE!

...PLEASE?

NOOOOO!  
HATE YOU HATE YOU  
**HATE YOU!**

**BRAK**  
**BRAK**  
**BRAK**



YOU HAVEN'T  
WON, ROCKET!  
I'LL FIND THE REST  
OF THE ANCIENT  
GEARS! AND THEN  
YOU'LL FALL TO THE  
POWER OF MY  
**MEGA DRIVE!**



YEAH-  
YEAH-YEAH.  
OUT YOU  
GO, LITTLE  
CRITTERS!

LOOK!  
EGGMAN MUST  
HAVE DROPPED  
IT WHEN YOU  
BEAT HIM UP!

NICE FIND, BUD!  
WHERE TO NEXT?

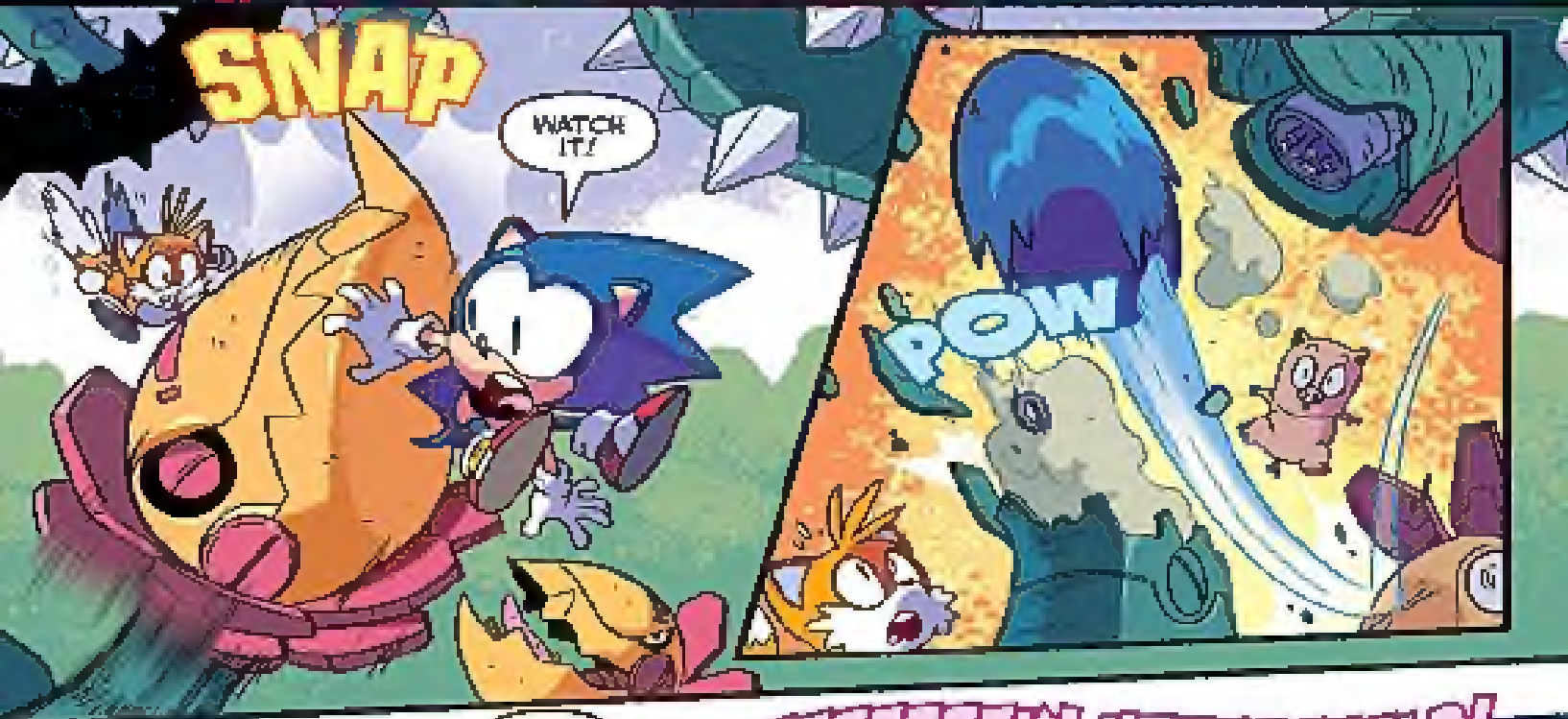
WELL,  
THE NEXT  
NEAREST  
ISLAND  
IS—







# FLOWER PARK ZONE







AHHH!  
GO  
AWAY!

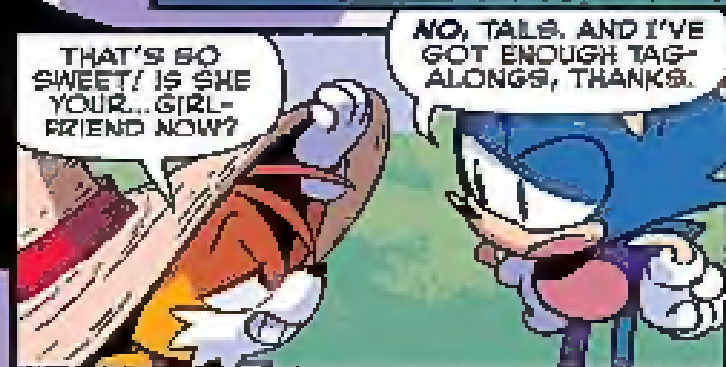
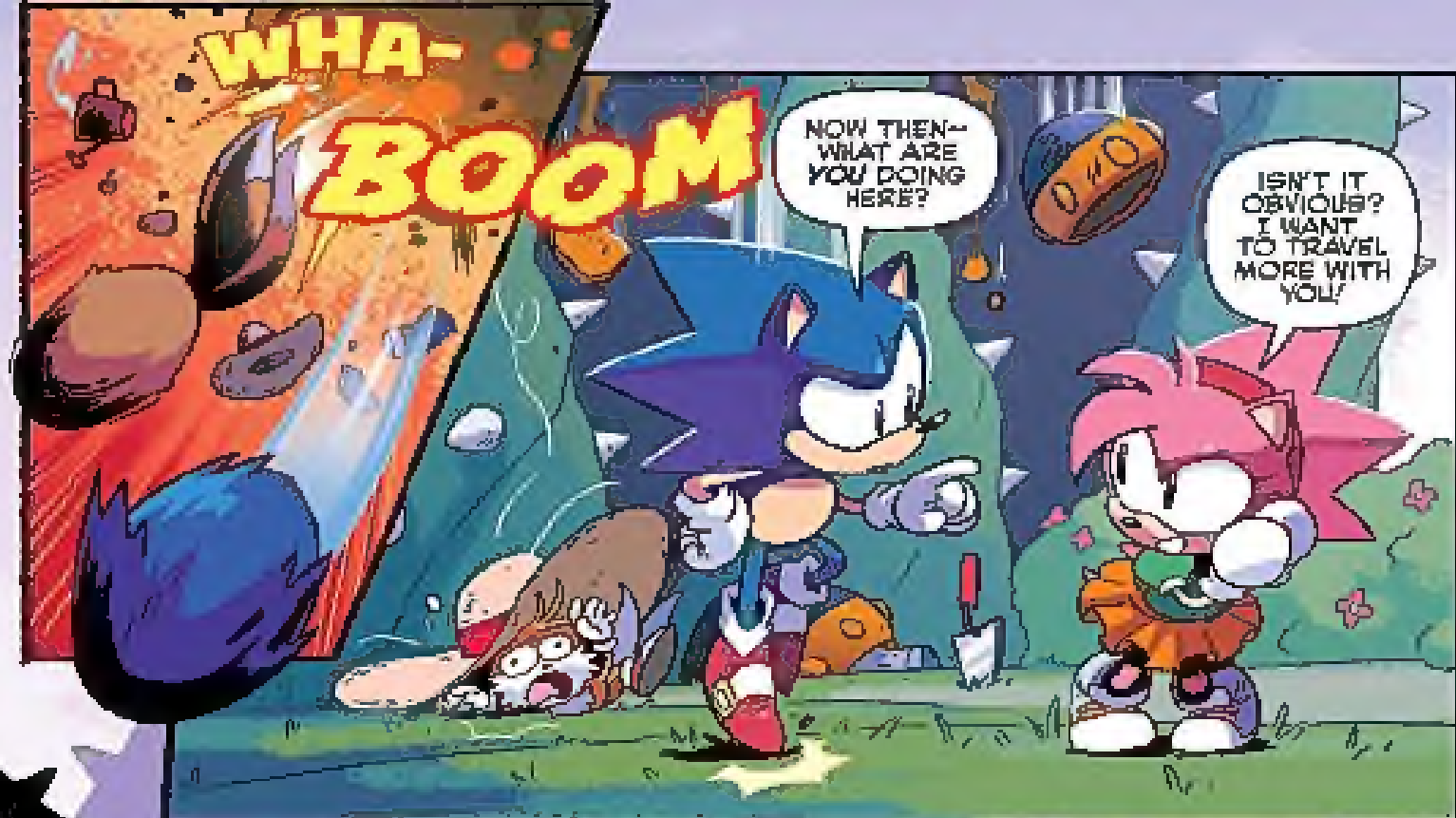
AMVP!

FIND ME!  
WE'RE THE  
ONES WHO  
HEARD--

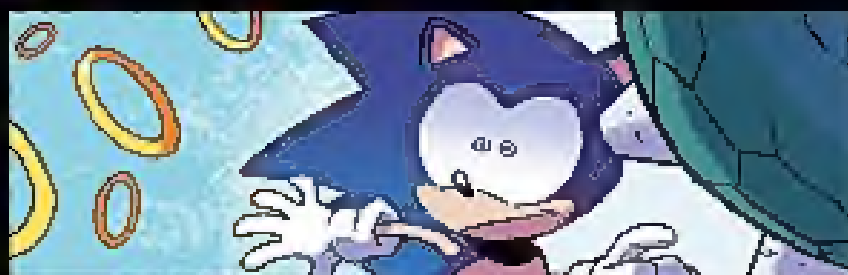
SONIC!  
I KNEW  
I'D FIND  
YOU!

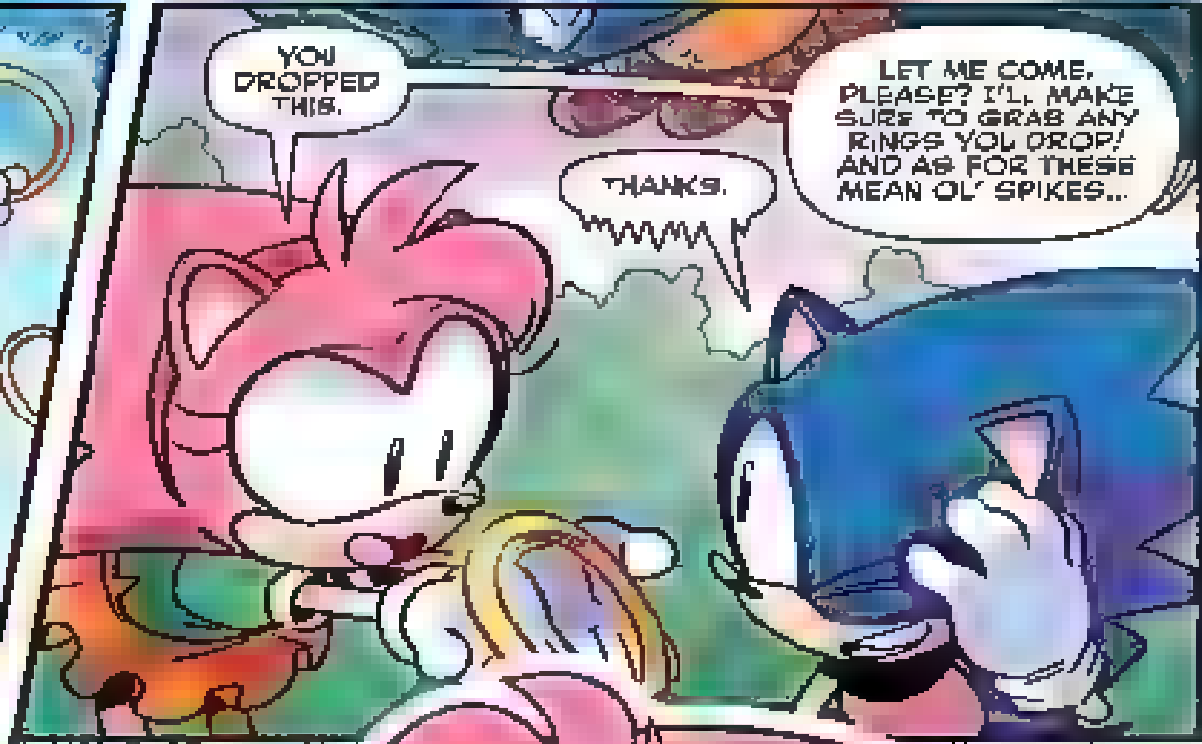
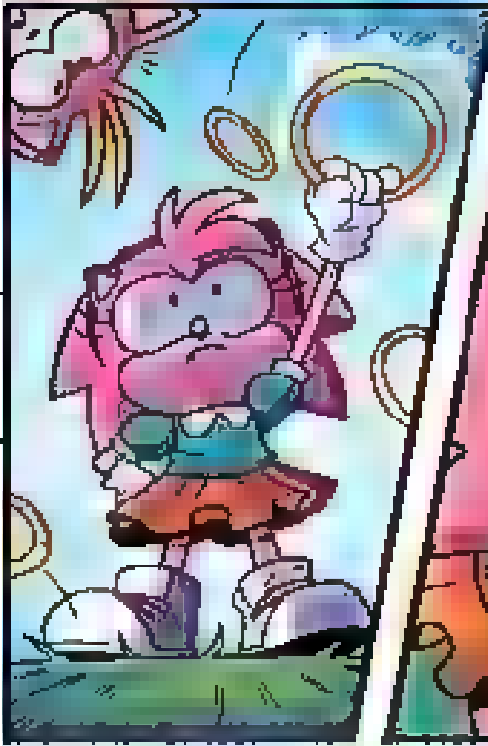
**RRUMMBLE**

HOLD THAT  
THOUGHT



**BLING**

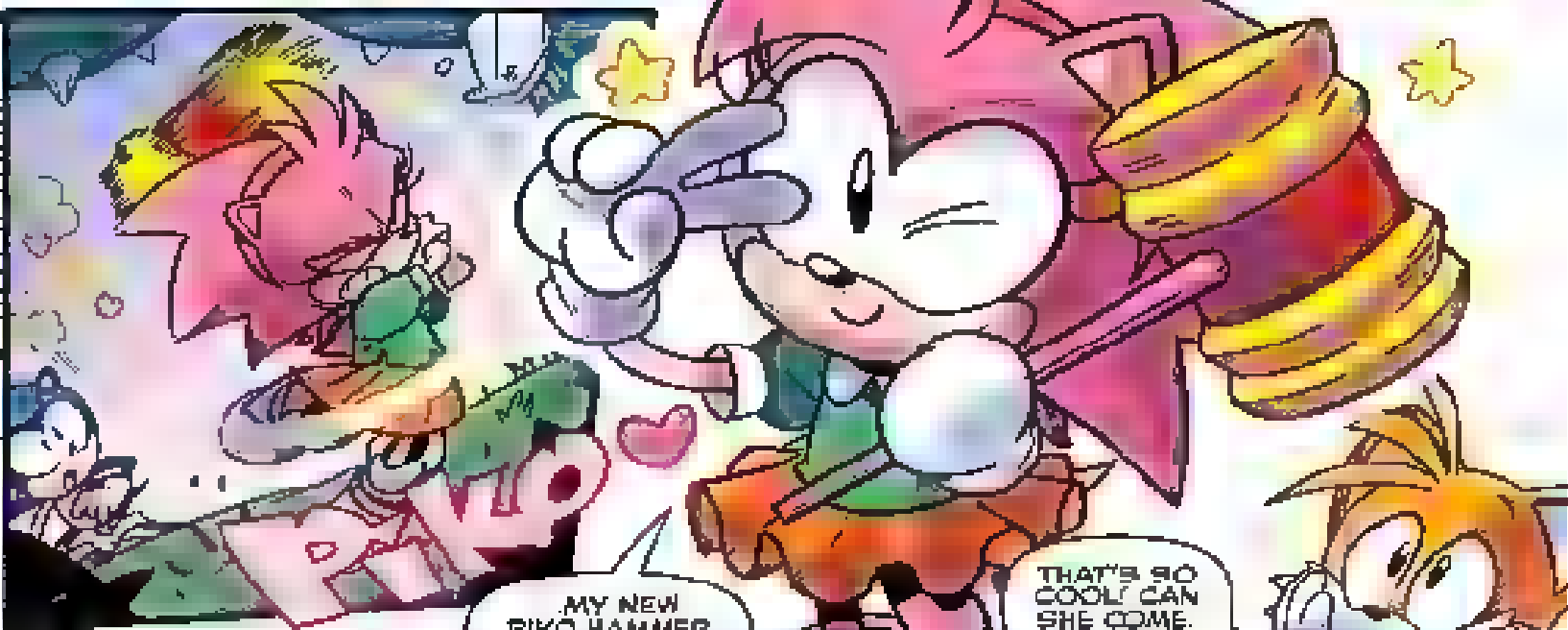




YOU  
DROPPED  
THIS.

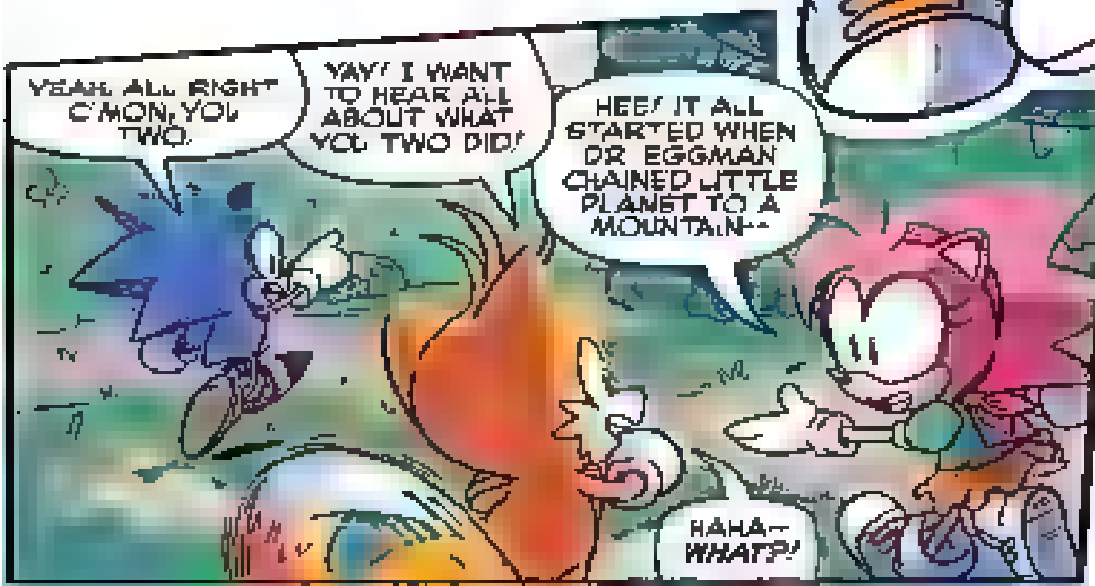
THANKS.

LET ME COME,  
PLEASE? I'LL MAKE  
SURE TO GRAB ANY  
RINGS YOU DROP!  
AND AS FOR THESE  
MEAN OL' SPIKES...



MY NEW  
PIKO HAMMER  
CAN CLEAR THE  
WAY FOR YOU.

THAT'S SO  
COOL! CAN  
SHE COME,  
PLEASE?



YEAH, ALL RIGHT  
C'MON, YOU  
TWO.

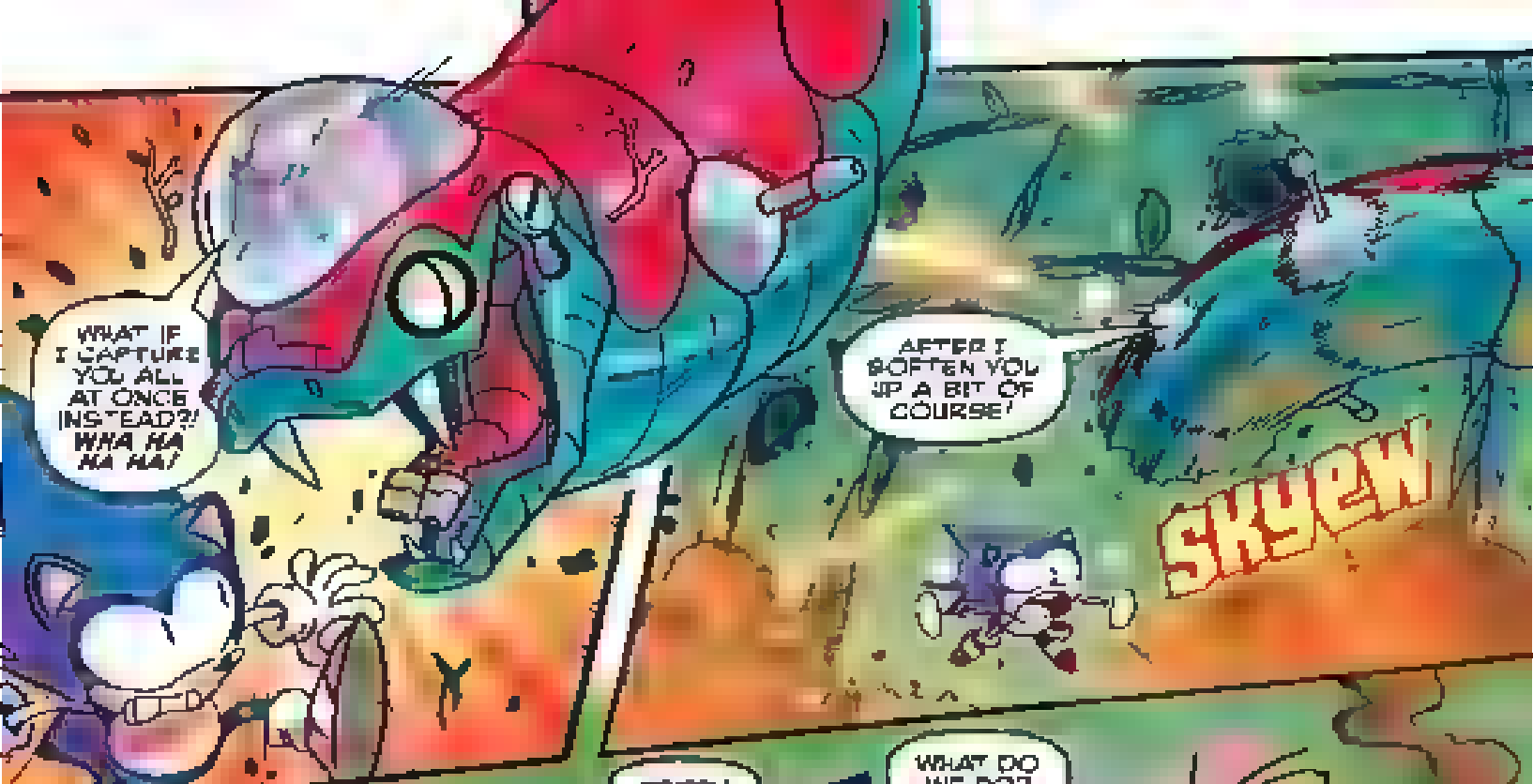
YAY! I WANT  
TO HEAR ALL  
ABOUT WHAT  
YOU TWO DID!

HEE! IT ALL  
STARTED WHEN  
DR EGGMAN  
CHAINED LITTLE  
PLANET TO A  
MOUNTAIN--

HAHA--  
WHAT?!

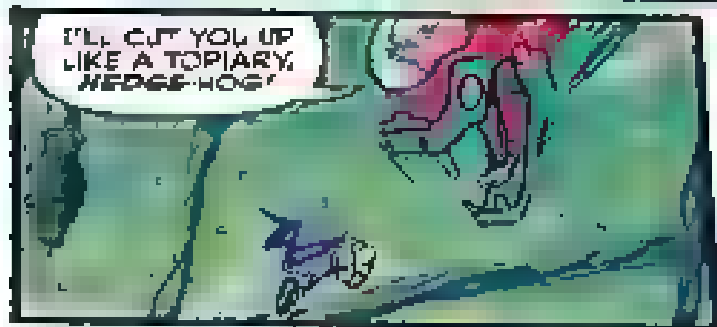


AND THIS WAY  
I CAN BE SURE  
SHE WON'T GET  
KIDNAPPED  
AGAIN...

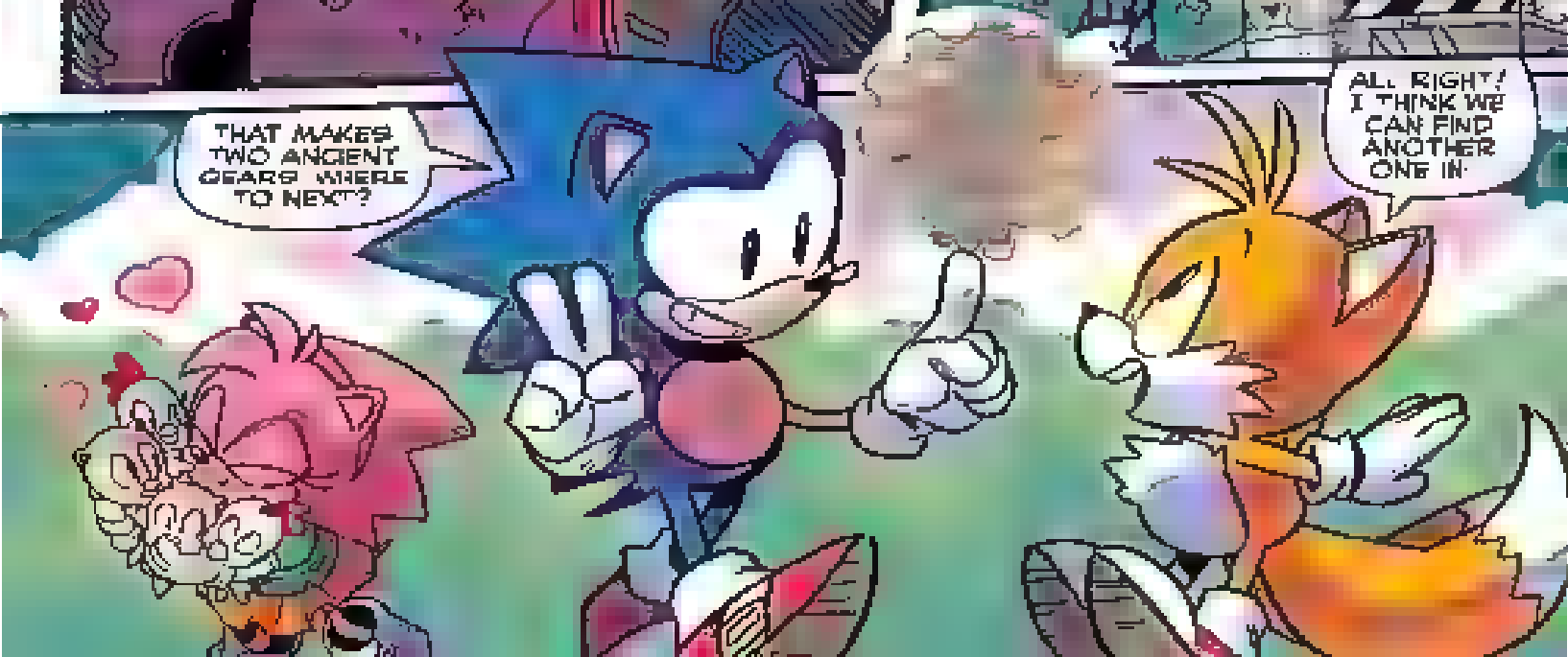
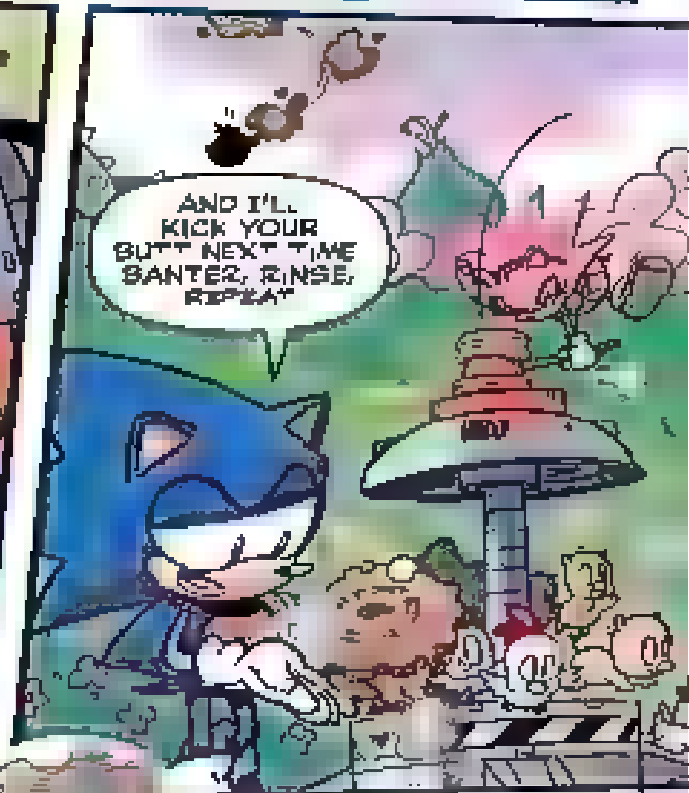
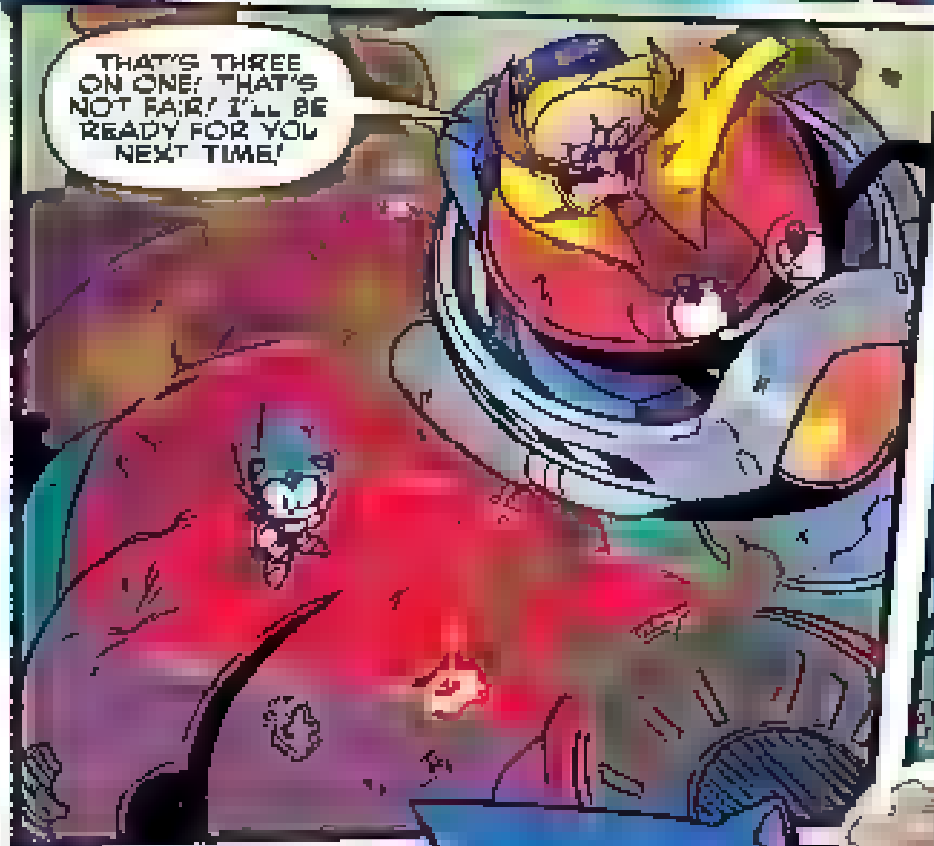
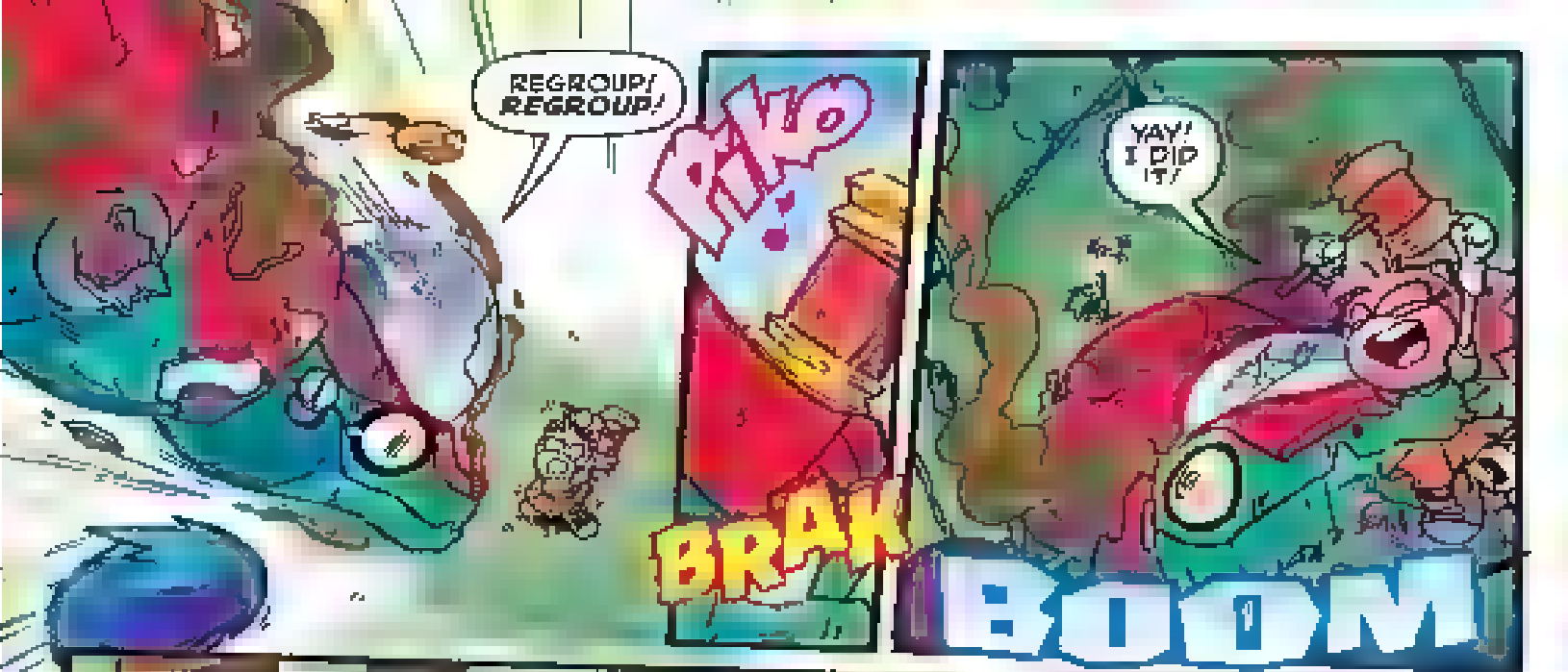


AFTER I  
SOFTEN YOU  
UP A BIT OF  
COURSE!

**SKYEW**

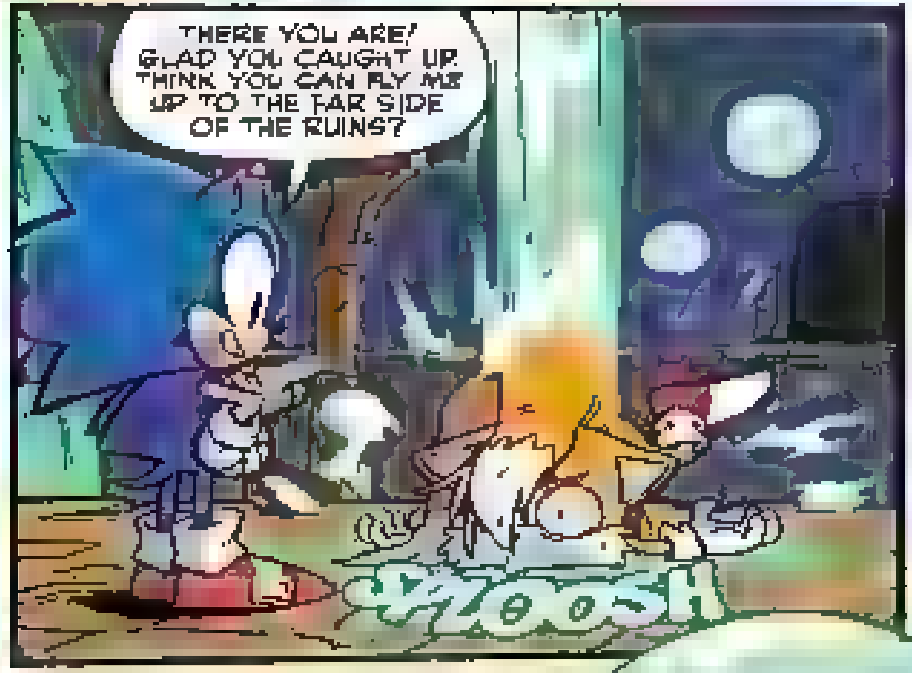








# CASCADE TEMPLE ZONE

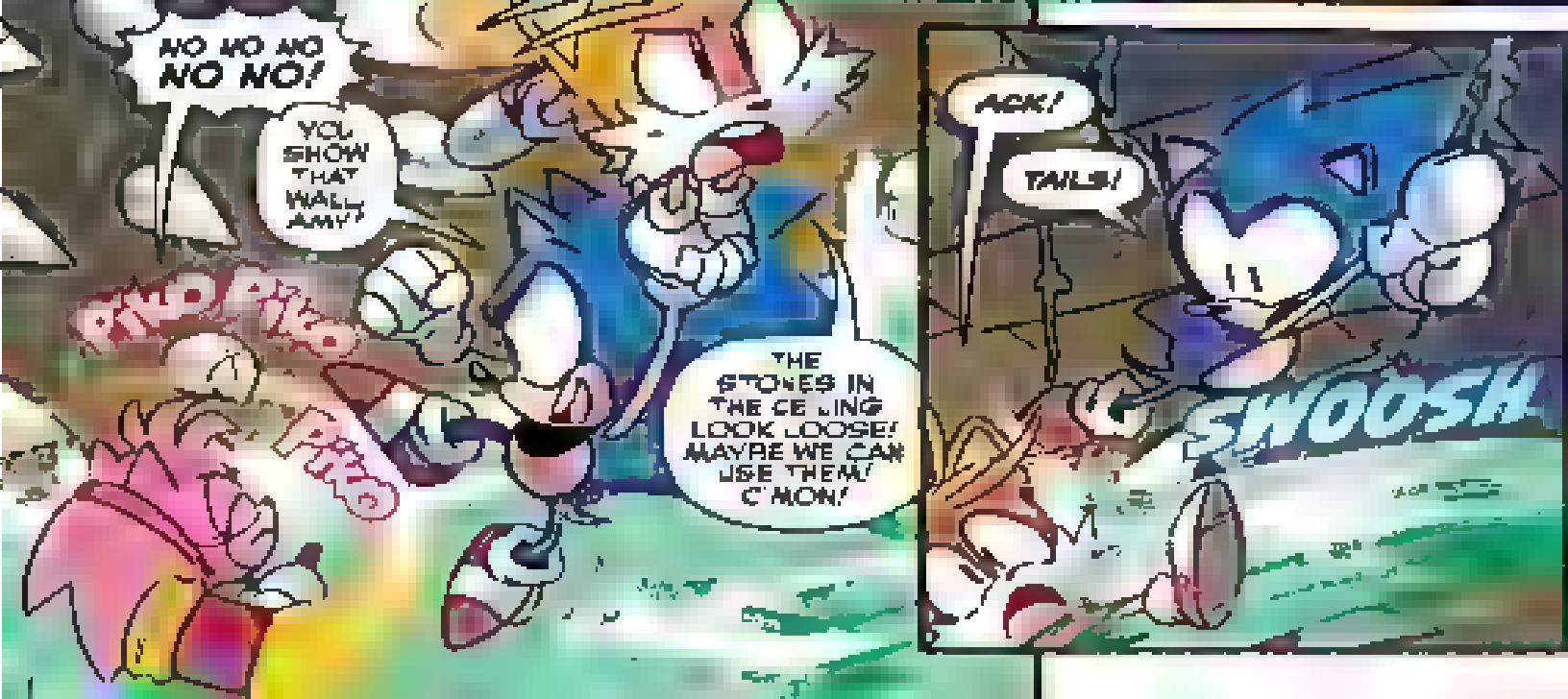
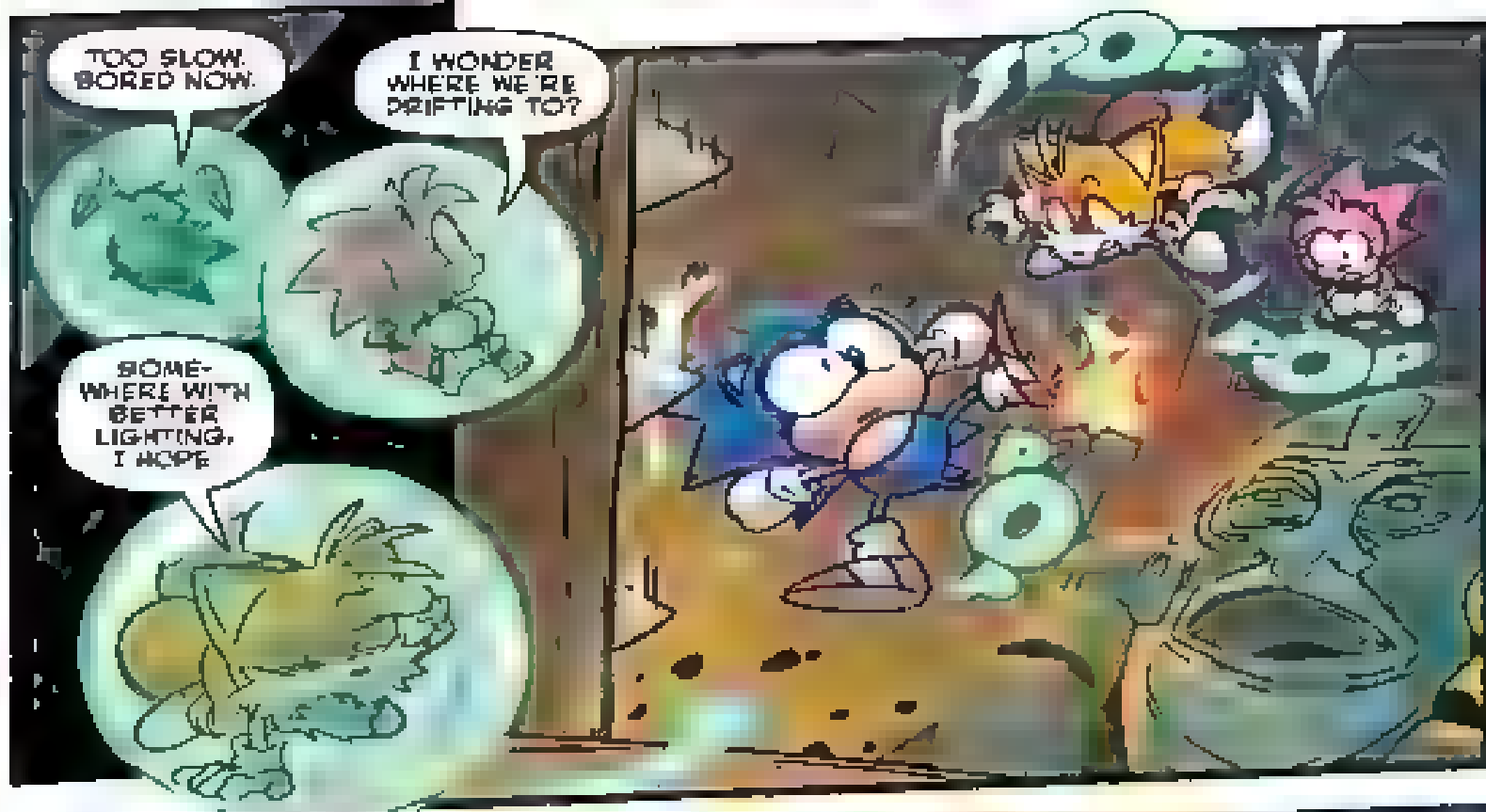


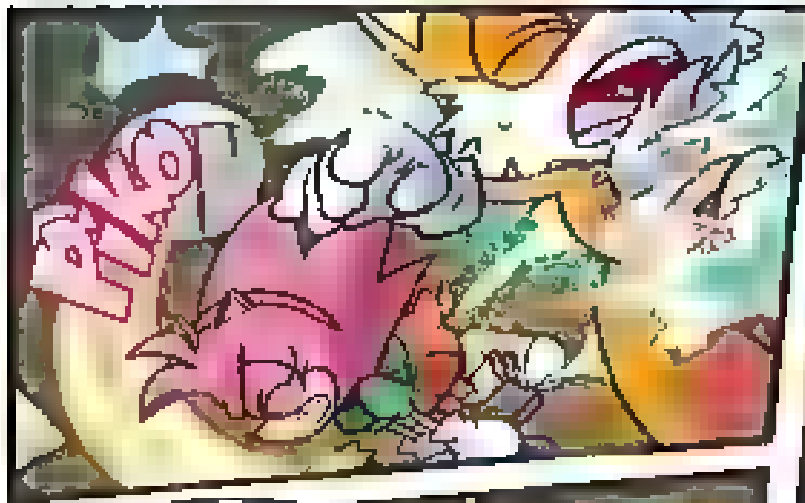
EXCUSE ME?



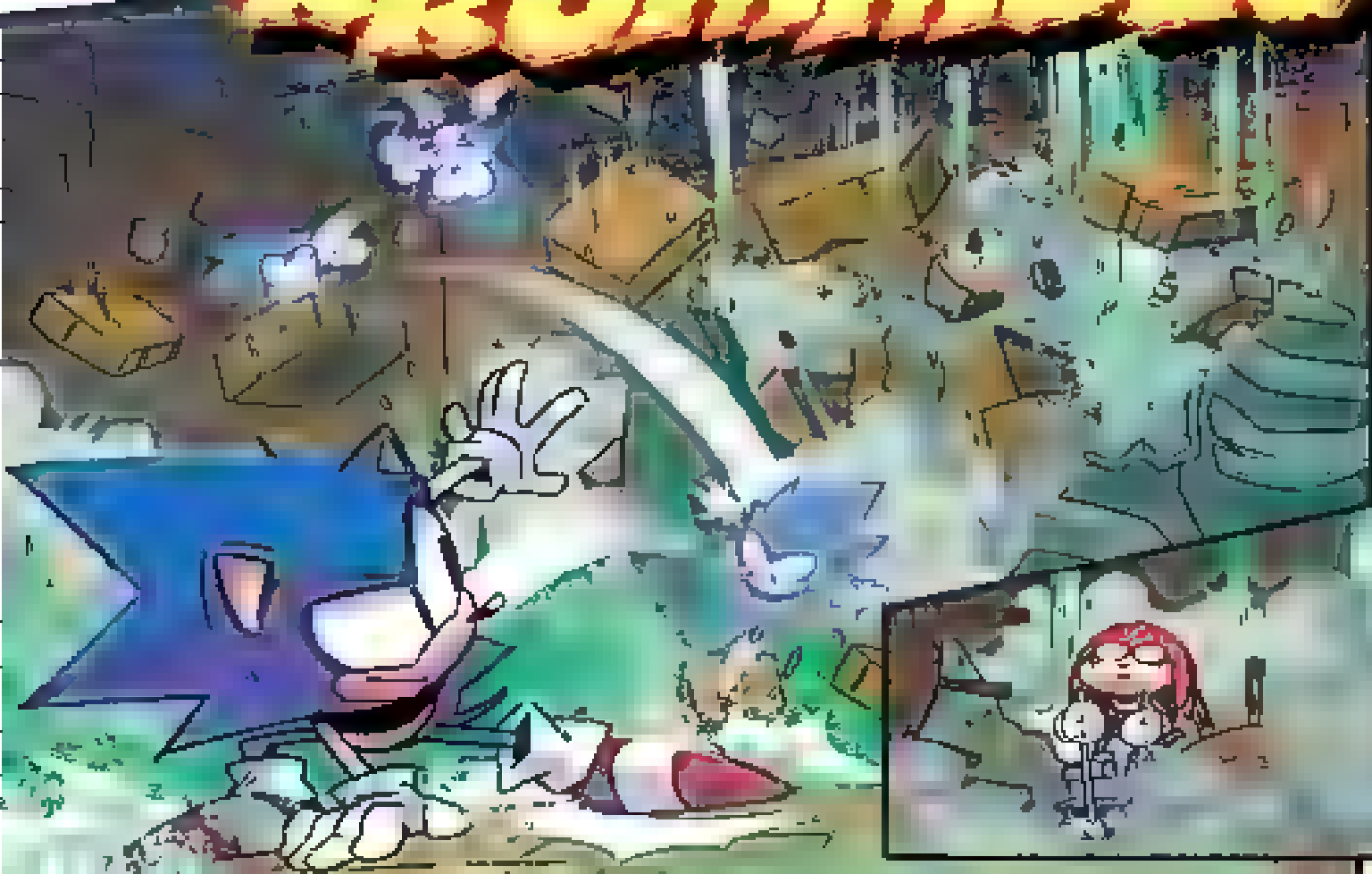
I'M JUST SAYING!

MAYBE LAY OFF THE CHIL DOGS A LITTLE





**RUMBLE**





**KNUCKLES!**

WHAT'S  
THE BIG DEE,  
JERK?!

ENOUGH GAMES!  
GIVE UP THE CHAOS  
EMERALDS, SONIC!

**WHAT?!**

HUH...?

HERE  
WE GO  
AGAIN.

DON'T PLAY COY  
DR. EGGMAN EXPLAINED  
EVERYTHING TO ME.

GET LOST,  
EGGMAN. YOU'RE  
NOT WELCOME  
HERE.

N-N-NOW JUST A MINUTE,  
KNUCKLES! I'M A CHANGED MAN!  
**REFORMED!** AND I NEED YOUR HELP!  
IN FACT, YOU'RE THE WORLD'S  
ONLY HOPE!

WHAT ARE  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT?

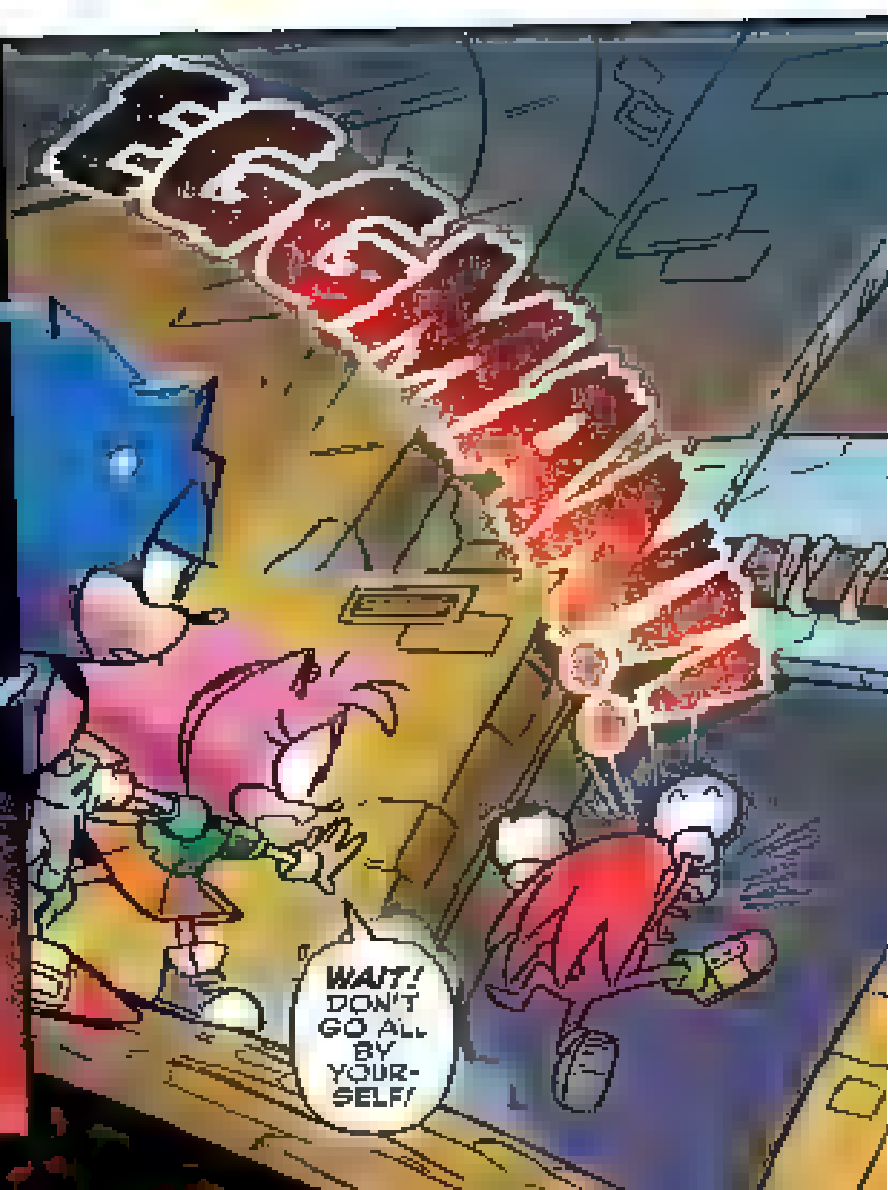
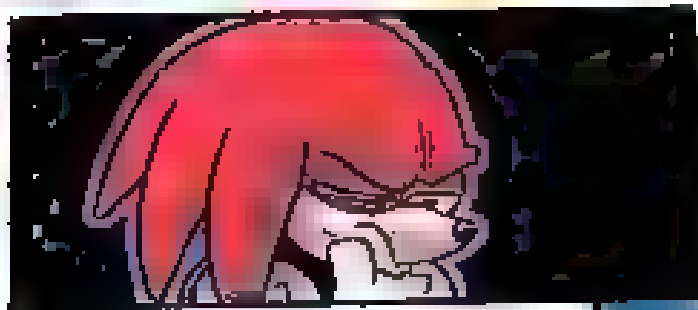
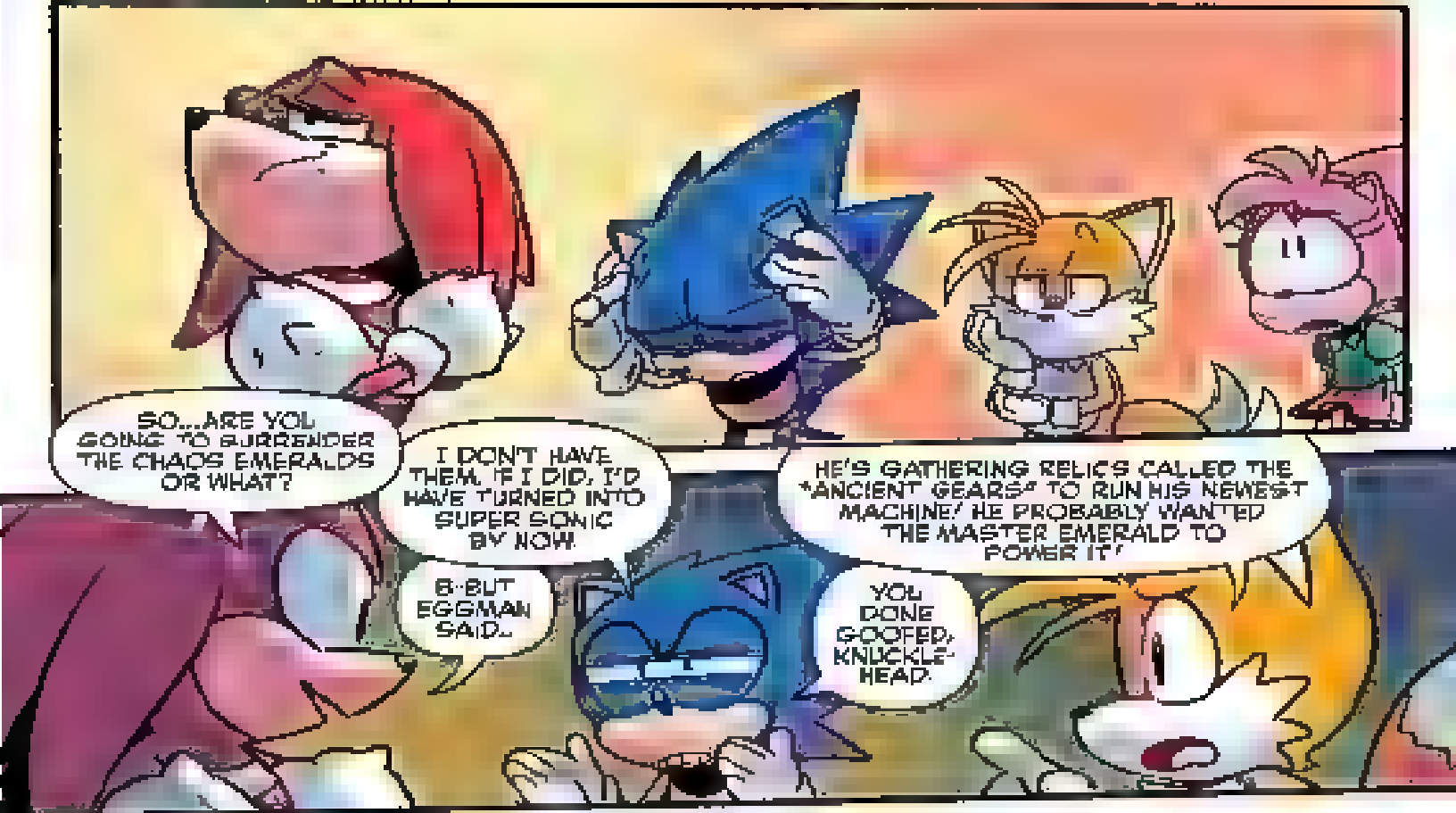
YOU SAW WHAT  
SUPER SONIC DID  
TO ME AND MY  
DEATH EGG, RIGHT?  
WELL, HE HASN'T  
STOPPED SINCE!  
HE'S OUT OF  
CONTROL!

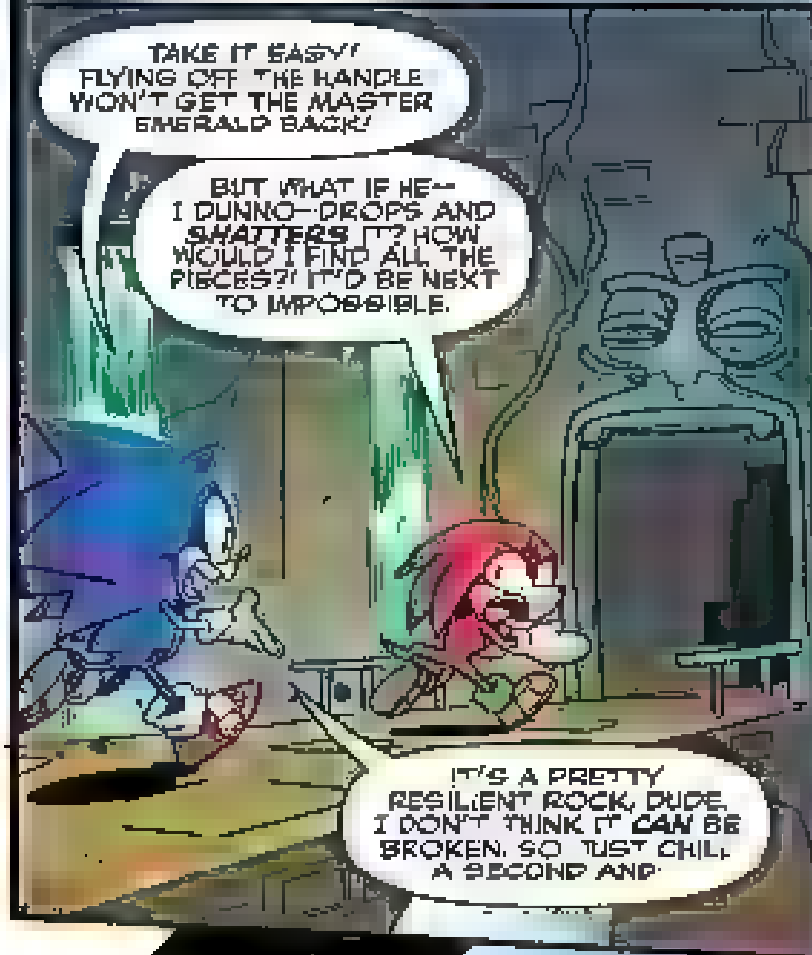
YOU'RE THE  
ONLY ONE STRONG  
ENOUGH, SMART  
ENOUGH AND **BRAVE**  
ENOUGH TO STOP HIM!

IF SONIC'S TRULY  
LOST IT, THEN I  
SUPPOSE YOU'RE  
RIGHT. WHICH WAY  
DID HE GO?

OH, I'LL SHOW  
YOU WHERE TO LAY  
YOUR TRAP FOR HIM.  
UNTIL THEN, LET ME  
MAKE IT UP TO YOU  
BY LOOKING AFTER  
THE MASTER  
EMERALD?

SOUNDS  
GOOD! I'M  
GLAD YOU  
CLEANED UP  
YOUR ACT!

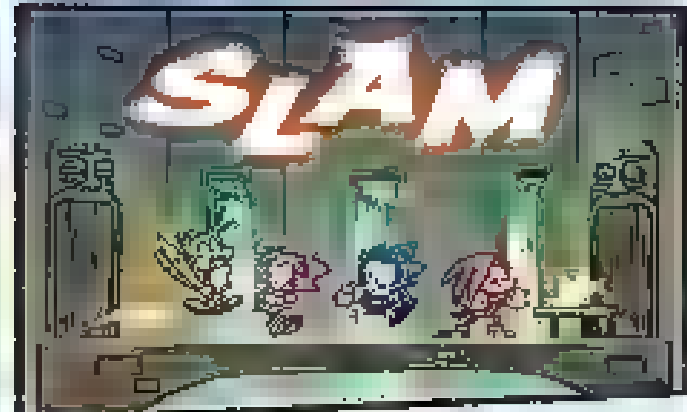




TAKE IT EASY!  
FLYING OFF THE HANDLE  
WON'T GET THE MASTER  
EMERALD BACK!

BUT WHAT IF HE--  
I DUNNO--DROPS AND  
**SHATTERS** IT? HOW  
WOULD I FIND ALL THE  
PIECES? IT'D BE NEXT  
TO IMPOSSIBLE.

IT'S A PRETTY  
RESILIENT ROCK, DUDE.  
I DON'T THINK IT CAN BE  
BROKEN. SO JUST CHILL,  
A SECOND AND--



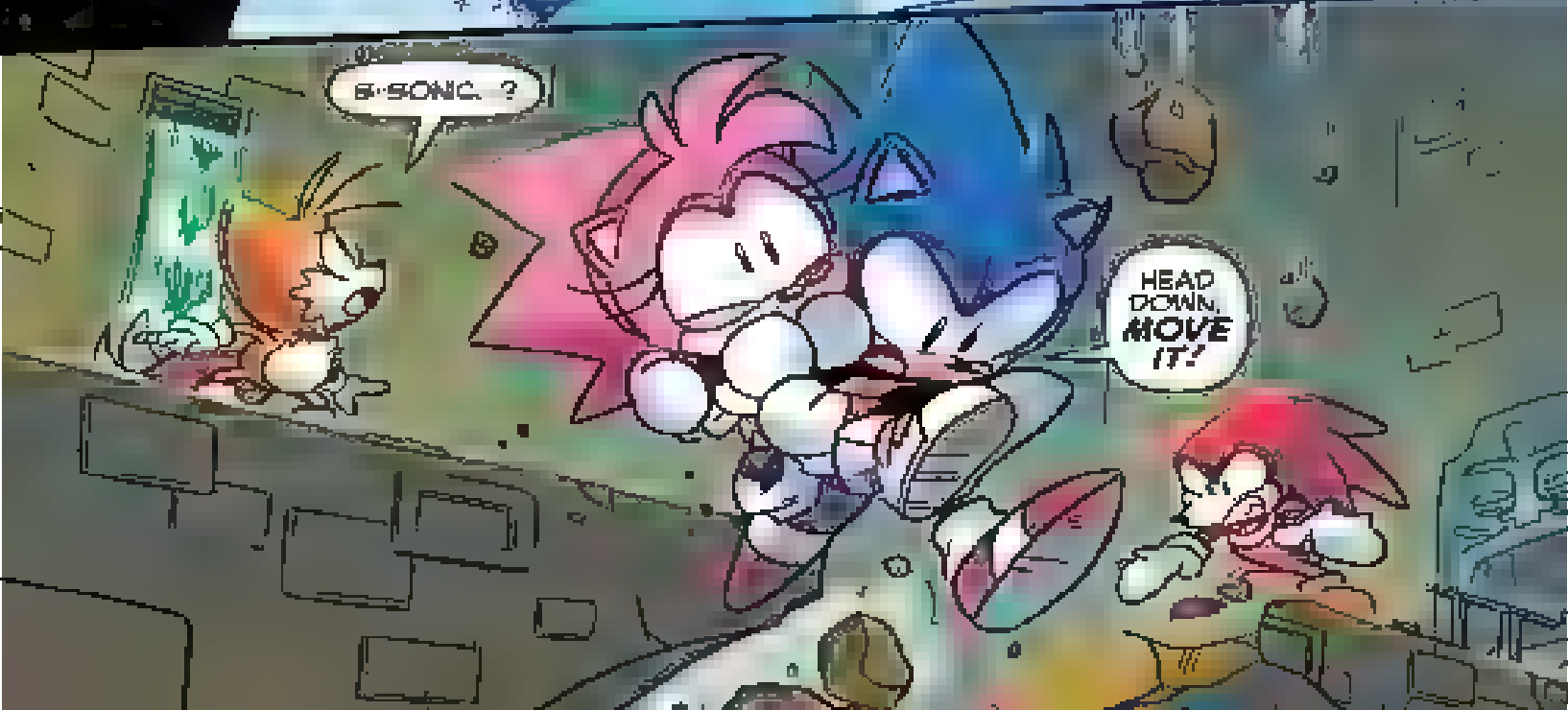
**SLAM**



OH-HO-HO!  
REST ASSURED.  
MY GULLIBLE FRIEND,  
I'M TAKING EXTRA  
GOOD CARE OF  
THE MASTER  
EMERALD!

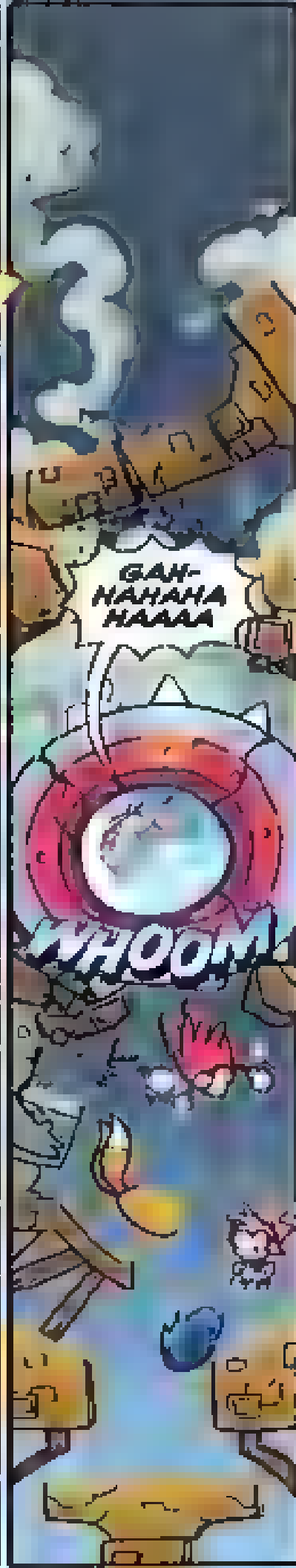
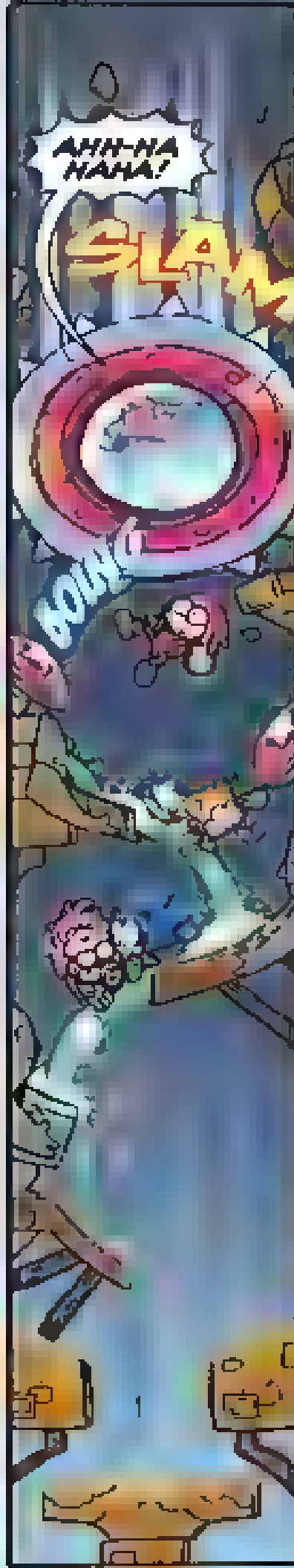
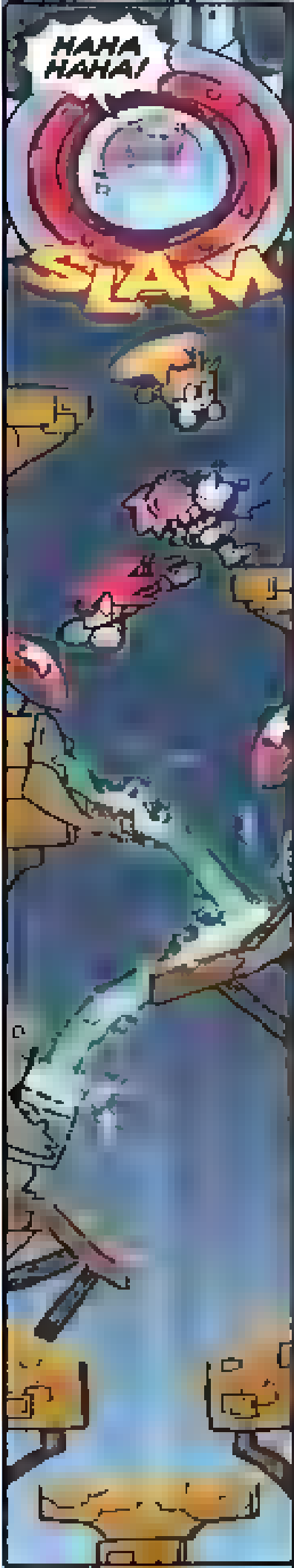


AND  
NOW I'M  
GOING TO  
TAKE CARE  
OF ALL OF  
YOU!

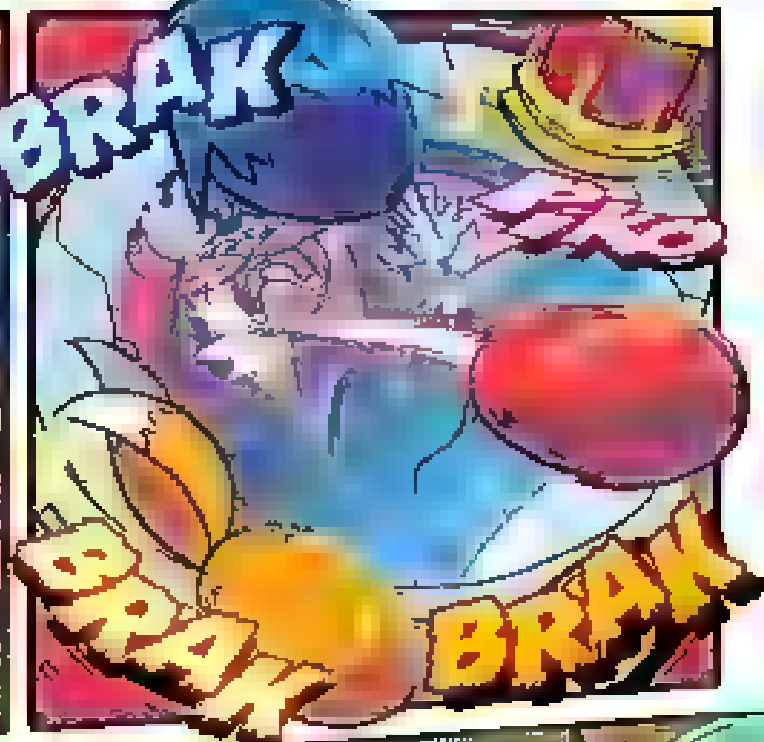
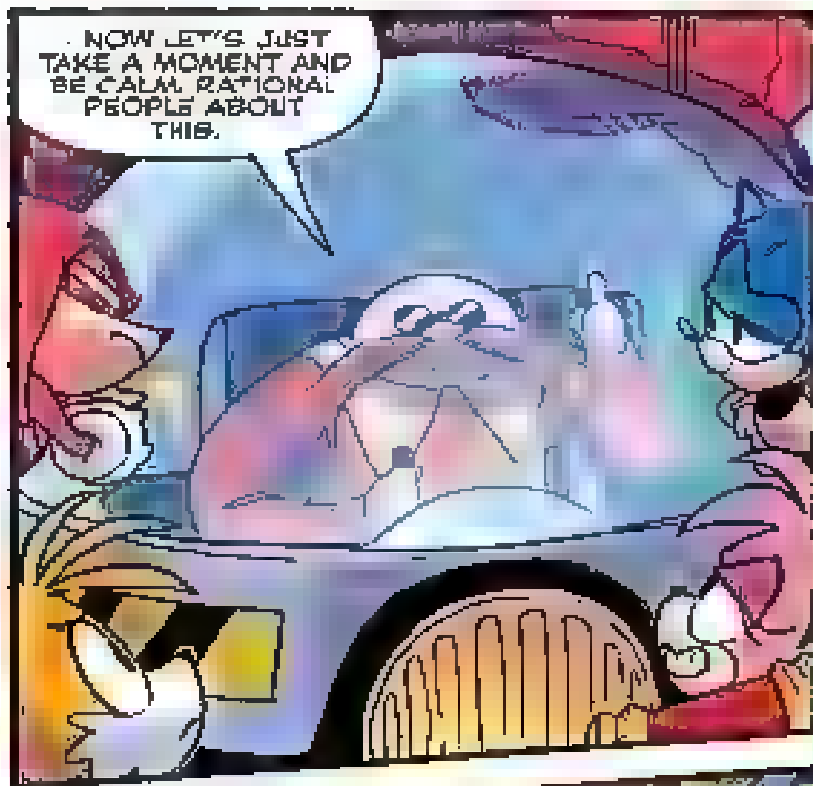


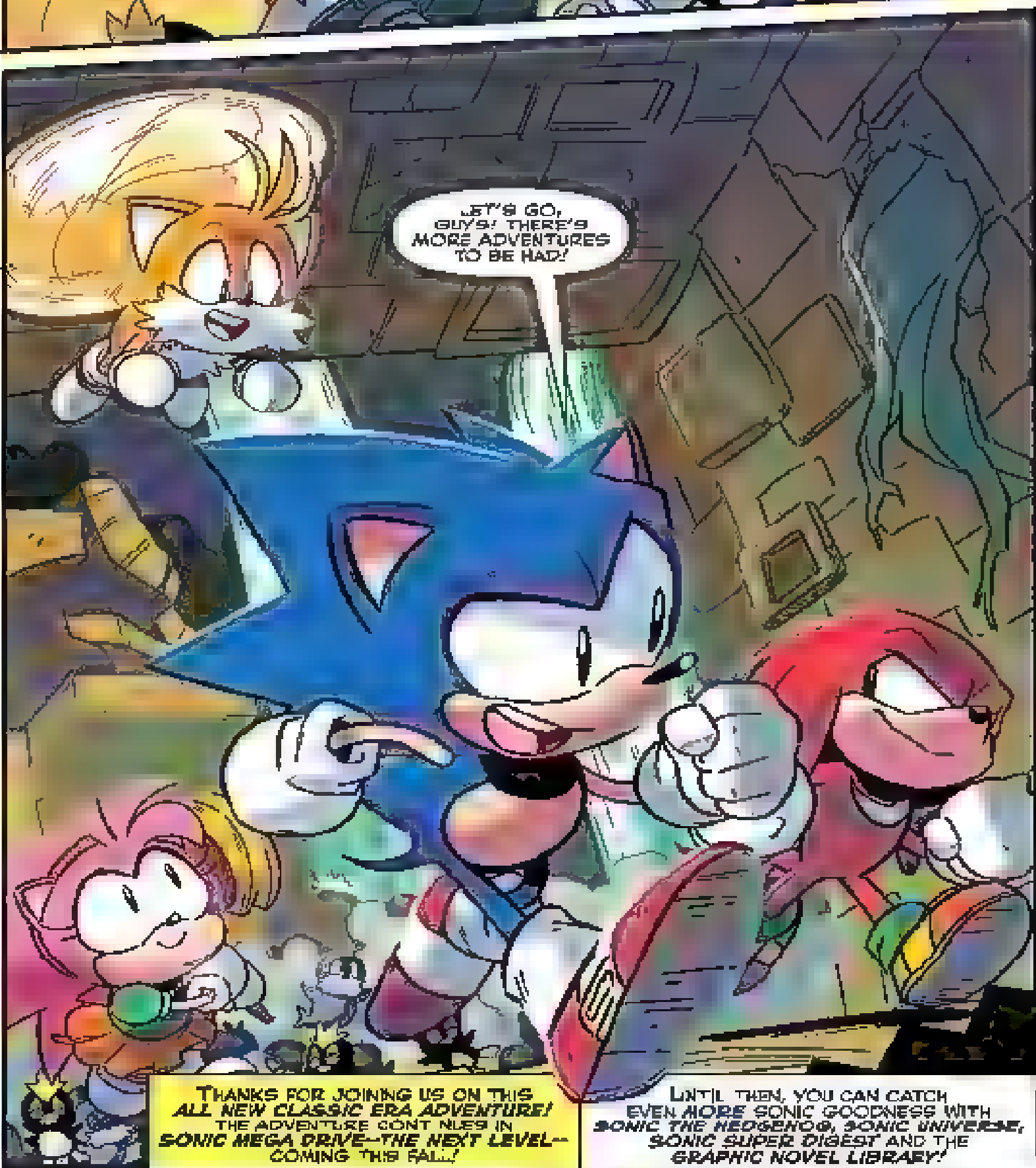
B-SONG?

HEAD  
DOWN,  
MOVE  
IT!









LET'S GO,  
GUYS! THERE'S  
MORE ADVENTURES  
TO BE HAD!

THANKS FOR JOINING US ON THIS  
ALL NEW CLASSIC ERA ADVENTURE!  
THE ADVENTURE CONT NUES IN  
**SONIC MEGA DRIVE—THE NEXT LEVEL—**  
COMING THIS FALL!

UNTIL THEN, YOU CAN CATCH  
EVEN MORE SONIC GOODNESS WITH  
**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, SONIC UNIVERSE,**  
**SONIC SUPER DIGEST** AND THE  
**GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!**

# Letter from the EDITOR

*Editorial commentary that has been classically trained!*



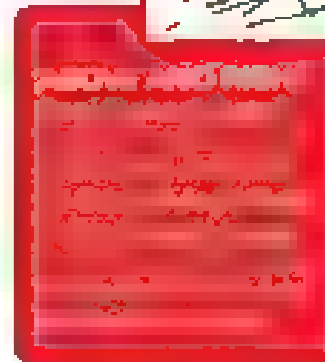
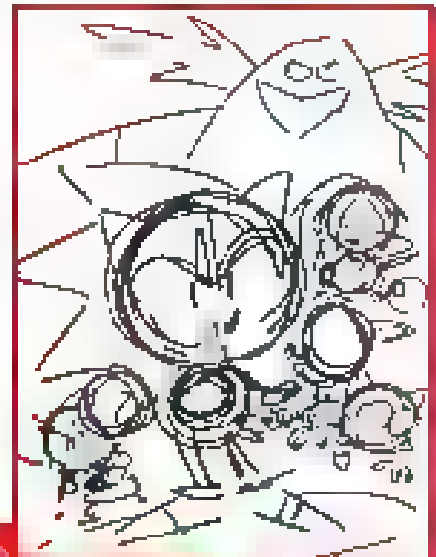
## CREATIVE TEAM GOT THROUGH ACT ONE!

Hey, Sonic fans. Was that a blast or what? Whether you are a hardcore Sonic fan, Sonic comic reader or just getting into the Sonic franchise for the first time, it is our hope that Sonic: Mega Drive was as fun and exciting for you as it was for us.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Blue Blur and we wanted to make sure we did something extra special for our boy. What better way to honor Sonic than by going back to his roots and putting a new spin on it?

Sonic comics writer Ian Flynn knows Sonic. I mean he REALLY knows

Sonic. When I called Ian about doing a special "Classic"-styled story, he pretty much had it figured out already. We would tell the story of a lost game in Sonic's history. Something familiar, but new. When the script came in, I had a big dumb grin on my face the whole time I was reading it, and I just kept thinking "he nailed it!"



Of course, a comic isn't much of a comic without the artwork. It was a no-brainer to have Tyson Hesse, Matt Hermis and Jack Morelli aboard this Classic Sonic bandwagon. Tyson's expressiveness and high energy fit the story to a T. From the moment Tyson bent in his character studies (as seen on this very page), I knew we were in for a real treat. Partnered with the gorgeous and vibrant colors of Matt and the crisp and dynamic lettering from Jack, the world of Mega Drive was brought to life.



Words cannot describe how proud I am of this team. Thank you all! I'm looking forward to what the Next Level brings! Also, a very special thanks to those at SEGA for their help, support, and kindness on this very special project.

Finally, a big THANKS to you, the fans! We do it for you!



-Vincent "Vin" Lovallo  
Editor

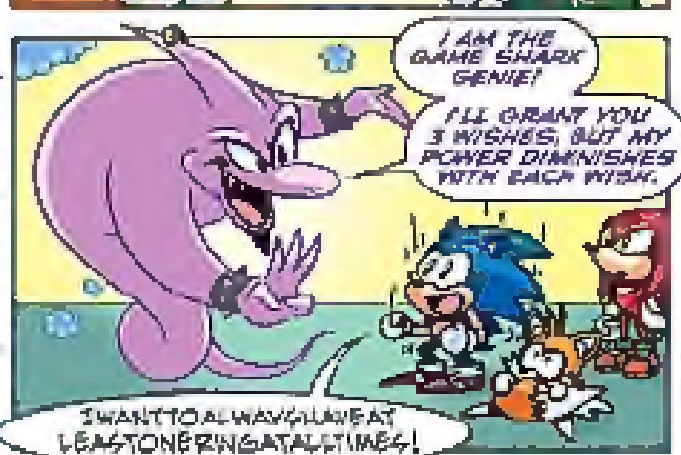


# OFF PANEL

PROUDLY PRESENTS:

## SECRET - ORIGINS - & KNUCKLES

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POOF!!!

# SONIC 3

Sonic The Hedgehog

# & KNUCKLES

THE END

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THE NEXT  
LEVEL



TO BE CONTINUED...

...NOVEMBER 2016





**Sonic spins into a brand new, Classic-styled, *SUPER SPECIAL* one-shot *Mega Drive*! Join Sonic, Tails, Knuckles and Amy Rose on a brand new adventure—set after the fall of the Death Egg!**

**The nefarious Dr. Eggman is trying to build a new engine of destruction: the MEGA DRIVE, and it's up to Sonic and his whole crew to stop the mad doctor and save the day! Join Sonic and his friends in this special commemorative issue celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Blue Blur!**

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**DEADLIEST**  
**FIGHTING**  
**SECRETS**  
Can Be Yours

### FREE



### legion



### the group

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